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In Re PATENT APPLICATION OF:

Applicant: Souichi Iwasa et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/587,316 )  
Filed: July 26, 2006 ) STATEMENT OF  
For: ELECTRIC POWER STEERING DEVICE ) JOINT RESEARCH  
  ) AGREEMENT  
Atty. Ref.: AI 423NP ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 103(c), it is stated that the prior art cited in the Office Action dated March 28, 2008 (Joushita, USP 7,228,933) and the claimed invention were made on the behalf of parties to a joint research agreement within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 103(c)(3). The claimed invention was made on the behalf of FAVESS CO., LTD., KOYO SEIKO CO., LTD. and TOYODA KOKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA. FAVESS CO., LTD., KOYO SEIKO CO., LTD. and TOYODA KOKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA were parties to a joint research agreement within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 103(c)(3) that was in effect before the date of the claimed invention was made, and the claimed invention was made as

a result of activities undertaken within the scope of the joint research agreement, which pertained to the development of electronic control steering systems.

Respectfully submitted,



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